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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

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The world stands at a great historic turning point, and it is about to witness the creation of new forms of government, economy, and culture, based upon the growth and development of sundry groups of states. Japan, too, is confronted by a great trial such as she has never experienced in history. In order to carry out fully at this juncture our national policy in accordance with the lofty spirit in which the country was founded, it is an important task of urgent necessity to us that we should grasp the inevitable trends in the developments of world history, effect speedily fundamental renovations along all lines of government, and strive for the perfection of a state structure for national defense. Accordingly, the general lines of the country's fundamental national policies have been formulated as follows:

Summary of Fundamental National Policies.

1. Basic Policy.

The basic aim of Japan's national policy lies in the firm establishment of world peace in accordance with the lofty spirit of Hakko Ichiu, in which the country was founded, and in the construction, as the first step, of a new order in Greater East Asia, having for its foundation the solidarity of Japan, Manchoukuo and China.

Japan will, therefore, devote the total strength of the nation to the fulfilment of the above policy by setting up

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swiftly an unshakable national structure of her own adapted to meet the requirements of new developments both at home and abroad.

2. National Defense and Foreign Policy.

The Government will strive for the repletion of armaments adequate for the execution of the national policies, by taking into consideration the new developments both at home and abroad, and constructing a state structure for national defense, capable of bringing into full play the total strength of the nation.

Japan's foreign policy, which aims ultimately at the construction of a new order in Greater East Asia, will be directed, first of all, toward a complete settlement of the China Affair, and the advancement of the national fortune by taking a far-sighted view of the drastic changes in the international situation and formulating both constructive and flexible measures.

3. Renovation of Internal Structure.

What is urgently required in internal administration is the laying of the foundation for a state structure for national defense through a complete renovation of the domestic administration in general, for which purpose the Government expects the realization of the following points:

A. Renovation of education thoroughly in harmony with the fundamental principles of the national polity, and also the establishment of ethical principles of the nation stressing, above all, service to the state and eradicating all selfish and materialistic thoughts.

B. Establishment of a powerful new political structure

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and a unified control of government affairs.

a. Establishment of a new national structure, of which the keynote lies in the service to the state through the co-operation between government and people, every man according to his sphere of profession or business.

b. Renovation of the Diet as an organ for assisting the Throne, so as to adapt it to the new national structure.

c. Fundamental renovation in the operation of administrative organs, and the reformation of the bureaucracy, aimed at the unity and efficiency of those organs.

C. Laying the foundation of national defense economy, of which the keynote is to lie in the autonomous development of the economy of Japan, Manchoukuo and China with Japan as the center.

a. Establishment of a sphere of co-operative economies, with the Japan-Manchoukuo-China group as one of the units.

b. Inauguration of a planned economy through the co-operation between government and people, and especially the perfection of a unitary control system covering the production, distribution and consumption of important commodities.

c. Establishment of a financial scheme and reinforcement of banking control, directed toward the development of the nation's total economic power.

d. Renovation of the foreign trade policy so as to adapt it to the new world situation.

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e. Establishment of the measures for self-sufficiency in the people's daily necessities especially in the principal foodstuffs.

f. An epoch-making expansion of the vital industries---- especially heavy, chemical and machine industries.

g. An epoch-making promotion of science, and rationalization of production.

h. Perfection and extension of the communication and transportation facilities so as to adapt them to the new developments at home and abroad.

i. Establishment of land development plans aiming at the enhancement of the total national strength.

j. Inauguration of permanent measures concerning the promotion of the stamina and physical strength of the nation, and especially the fundamental measures concerning the security and development of agriculture and agricultural communities.

k. Rectification of the inequality in individual sacrifices incident of national policies; full operation of various welfare measures, and renovation of the living mode of the nation, and the maintenance of such standard of living as will enable the nation to lead a plain, solid and vigorous life and to surmount the national crisis by persevering truly through years of hardship.

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近衛内閣基本國策要綱（八月一日）

世界は今や歴史的に一大動機に際會し、個々の國家群の生成發展を遂
とする新なる政治經濟文化の創成を見んとし、皇國亦有史以來の大試
練に直面す、この秋に當り、國の大轉機に當り、皇國の國是を完結
せん、是は右世界的發展の必然的動向を把握して、庶政百般に亘り、速
に根本的刷新を加へ、萬端を排して、國防國家體制の完成に邁進すること
を以て、刻下喫緊の要務とす、従つて茲に本國策の大綱を策定すること左
の如し。

一 根本方針

皇國の國是は八紘を一字とする、萬國の大動機に當り、世界平和の確立
を期すること、を以て根本とし、先づ皇國を軸心とし、日滿支の三國な
る諸合を根幹とする大東亞の新秩序を建設するに在り

之が爲、皇國自ら東に新亞細に即應する、不埒の國家體を確立し、國
策の偉力を發して、右國是の具現に邁進す

二 國防及外交

内外の新情勢に依り國家總力發揮の國防國家體制を基底とし國是遂行に遺憾なき軍備を充實す。

現下の外交は大東亞の新秩序建設を根幹とし先づ其の重心を支那事變の完遂に依り國際的大變局を達觀し建設的にして且つ彈力性に富む施策を講じ以て國運の進展を期す。

三 國防體制の刷新

内政の急務は國體の本義に基き庶政を一新し國防國家體制の基礎を確立するに在り之が爲左記條件の實現を期す。

- 1、國體の本義に基き實行する政策の刷新と相俟ち自我功利の思想を排し國家義務を第一義とする國民道徳を確立す。
- 2、強力なる新政治體制を確立し國政の統一を圖る。
- イ、官民協力一致各々其の職域に盡し國家に奉公することを期すとする新國民組織の確立

ロ、新政治體制に即應し得べき總命預備體制の確立
ハ、行政の運用に根本的刷新を加へ其の統一と敏活とを目標とする
官界新能勢の確立

3、皇國を中心とする日滿支三國經濟の自主的建設を基調とし國防經濟の根基を確立す。

イ、日滿支を一環とし大東亞を包容する共同經濟圈の確立
ロ、官民協力による計畫經濟の遂行特に主要物資の生産、配給、消費を貫く一元的統制機構の整備

ハ、綜合經濟力の發展を目標とする財政面並に金融統制の確立
強化

ニ、世界新情勢に對應する貿易政策の刷新

ホ、國民生活必需品對等に主要食糧の自給自足の確立

ヘ、重工業並に重、化學工業及機械工業の劃期的發展

ト、科學の劃期的振興並に生産の合理化

チ、内外の新情勢に對應する交通運輸施設の整備擴充

リ、綜合國力の發展を目標とする國土開發計畫の確立

4、國是遂行の原動力たる國民の資質、體力の向上並に人口増加に因

する 人的方針特に農業及農家の安定發展に關する根本方針を樹立す。
5、國策の遂行に伴ふ國民犠牲の不均衡の是正を斷行し厚生政策的施設の
徹底を期すると共に國民生活を刷新し直に熟計十年時觀京昭に適應す
る實質的なる國民生活の水準を確保す。